

May 8, 2019

FAITH IN ACTION

Trinity Presbyterian Church Newsletter



A Visit to Dellabrook

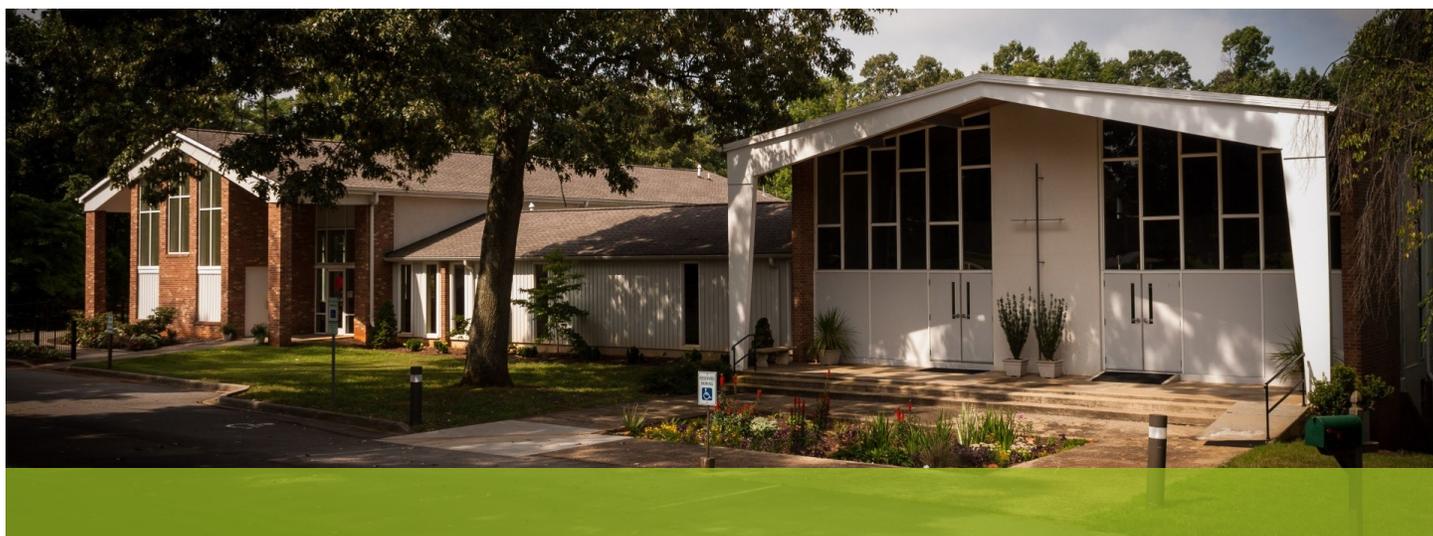
I had never attended an African-American church service until last Sunday and didn't know what to expect. I'll admit to some slight trepidation in anticipation of a new experience, but I am so glad that I went.

Walking into the beautiful sanctuary, so warm and inviting, I felt immediately at ease. The church members made me and the other visitors feel right at home with their cordial welcome and inclusiveness throughout the service. The songs, prayers, poetry, and communion were all very Presbyterian, but with a cultural twist: at times lively, at times laid back. The old hymns were familiar, the prayers fervent and, well, long. What struck me most was that woven throughout the service was a sense of togetherness, of shared experience — the Black experience. It was something that I could never understand, but it was something I felt privileged to be able to witness and be a small part of. It was moving. It felt sacred.

Jon has challenged the Session to discern ways in which Trinity can develop trust with people/groups outside of our own congregation. This experience taught me that the first step in developing trust is just by showing up. It is so easy, and yet so important. I hope you will join me and other Trinity members in visiting our sister church, Dellabrook. Please contact Donna Hamilton for more information.

And don't miss our joint picnic on June 9!

~Carol Kayler



CALENDAR of EVENTS

This week at Trinity:

- May 8: Knitting Fellowship 2:00 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.
- May 9: Tai Chi for Wellness 10:00 a.m.
Directory Photos 2-9 p.m.
- May 10: Directory Photos 2-9 p.m.
- May 12: Sunday School/Coffee Catch-Up 10:15 a.m.
11:00 a.m.: Worship/Mother's Day Refreshments and Fellowship following Worship
7:00 p.m. Trans ID-only and Parents and Partners Support Groups

Looking Ahead

- May 15: Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.
- May 16: Tai Chi for Wellness 10:00 a.m.
- May 19: Sunday School/Coffee Catch-Up 10:15 a.m.
11:00 a.m.: Worship/Hunger Offering Refreshments and Fellowship following Worship

Serving on Sunday

Door Greeter: Virginia Christman
Head Usher: Heather Hosey
Worship Leader: Elinor Wilburn
Acolyte: TBD
Water Bearer: TBD
Offering Helper: TBD
Little Lights Nursery: Preferred ChildCare, Inc.
Refreshments After Worship: Raegan Dalbo
Office Volunteer: TBD

Trinity Happenings

Directory Photos This Week!

We will be taking church directory photos on Thursday, May 9 and Friday, May 10 from 2-9 p.m. Please either sign up for your time directly via this [online link](#).



Successful Conclusion to Bolton Food Pantry Drive!

Donated from Tuesday, May 29 through Sunday, May 5: 123 items
Previously donated: 174 items

GRAND TOTAL: 291 items

In addition, we received a very generous cash donation of \$200—enough for about 200 additional items!

Way to go, Trinity! Let's remember, one item a week from each member will make it unnecessary to have an emergency drive. Consistency is the name of the game. The Community and World Service Committee thanks you for your support.

Mother's Day and Father's Day Cards

The children of the church have done an amazing job making cards for these holidays. They will be available for sale during Fellowship time after Worship for a minimum \$5 contribution, while supplies last. Proceeds will go to Family Services of Forsyth County.

Presbyterian Women's Circle Birthday Offering

Don't forget that this group is taking donations for the 100+ Birthday Offering to benefit several worthy national projects. Special envelopes are located in the pews throughout the month. You can see more detailed information in last week's newsletter, located [on our website](#).



Christian Education

Vacation Bible School: We Need You! June 21-23, 2019

We are still looking for a few more volunteers. Help is needed for the following activities:

- Music led by Sheila
- Crafts
- The Psalm Bible Story (Session 3)
- Dinner clean-up
- Lunch set-up (pizza and salad)
- Set up Craft Table on Saturday (for Sunday activities)

Please email Terri if you can help out.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL STUDENT SIGN-UP SHEET IN THE NARTHEX BY THE VBS DISPLAY POSTER.

Please sign up by Sunday, May 26!

Library Update: Books are now ready to be checked out!

We are looking for volunteers to help with this new easy-to-use system. For the next six Sundays after worship, in the Fellowship Hall, we need one person to be available to help check books in and out. The process is simple: choose your book; find the check-out list on the table; sign your name, the name of the book, and the date your are checking the book out. When you are ready to return your book, place the book in the black plastic bin on the table, look for your check-out entry, and add the date your are checking the book back in. We are working on a process to receive donated books and will post that when it is finished. Contact Jeanne Patterson if you are interested.

Last Call!

If you are interested in a summer Adult Sunday School Class on Women in the Bible, contact Terri by Sunday, May 12. The children's classes will NOT meet over the summer.

Please join us as we finish our Sunday school year and recognize our wonderful teachers on Sunday, May 19 during Worship. We will also honor Ruthie Dalby as she graduates from high school.

Session Members, Committees, and Groups

Clerk of Session: Carol Kayler

Building & Grounds: John Engle

Church Life: Mel Gee

Community & World Service:

Carol Kayler, Susan Hudson

Personnel & Finance: Tom Hedgecock

Personnel Subcommittee: Heather Hosey

Stewardship: Richard Browne

Worship & Spiritual Growth: Cindy Bodenheimer

POAM: TBD

Justice Team: David Bathory, Donna Hamilton

More Light Liason: David Bathory

Environmental Green Team: Ron Richwine

Memorial Garden: Carol Kayler

Deacons: Jeff Riddle, Bea Stuber, Sue Baker

Justice Team Update

The Justice Team meets on the first Wednesday of each month from 6:30-8:00 p.m. To be added to the email list, please contact the communications staff.

- We are currently drafting a statement of our justice commitments to become a Peace and Justice congregation in Salem Presbyterian.
- **Black Lives Matter Updates:**
 - * The Trinity Scholarship Committee is collecting funds, and will donate 20% to the Minister's Conference [MLK, Jr. scholarship program](#).
 - * To strengthen our relationships with Dellabrook Presbyterian, we are organizing small groups of Trinity members to attend worship there on the second Sunday of each month. If you are interested, please contact Donna Hamilton.
 - * Salem Presbytery is forming an Anti-Racism Coalition, which is working to contact all churches in the Presbytery to learn about their racial justice efforts and needed resources. If you are interested in helping please contact Jon Gaska.
- **Just & Compassionate Immigration Updates:** The NC Congress of Latino Organizations urges people of faith and conscience to contact state lawmakers in opposition to HB 370. This will would require sheriffs to detain people suspected of being undocumented for ICE, in violation of immigrants' constitutional rights. The NC Justice Center has a [template letter](#) and a [report](#) on the consequences of forcing local authorities to enforce federal immigration law.
- **Promoting Democracy Updates:** Common Cause is having a People's Lobby Day to end gerrymandering next Tuesday, May 7 in Raleigh. More info is on their [website](#).

COMMUNITY NEEDS

CRISIS CONTROL MINISTRY

Food/Gift of the Month for May:
Instant Oatmeal

BOLTON FOOD PANTRY

All-Purpose Cleaner
Trash Bags (small boxes)

MOSES BASKET

Socks
Tights
Hats

Call to Action

Human Library: Real People, Real Conversations

Come visit The Human Library™ in Winston-Salem, NC on Thurs, May 16, 2019, 5-8:30 p.m. hosted at the [Venture Café Winston-Salem](#). This program is designed to build a positive framework for conversations that can challenge prejudices through dialogue. Check out the [Facebook event page here](#).

Professional and Allies Education Conference

PFLAG Winston-Salem brings experts from our community to provide education, resources, and networking opportunities to mental health professionals, educators, and families. The conference will be held at Novant Health Forsyth Medical Center (Conference Center) on Friday, May 17. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board in the Narthex for more information.

In Good Company

The annual gala fundraiser for Winston-Salem's [North Star LGBTQ Community Center](#). June 13, Grand Pavilion Ballroom/Embassy Suites Downtown, 5-11:00 p.m. See their [event page](#) for ticket information.

TRINITY SUPPORTS

Support, Advocacy, & Education Groups That Meet at Trinity

- Tolerance AA Groups: Tuesday and Thursday, 6:00-7:00 p.m., Saturday, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.
- Help and Hope Al-Anon Family Group: Saturdays 5:00-6:00 p.m.
- Newcomers Club: 4th Tuesday of Each month, 10:00 a.m.
- WS Transgender Support Groups: Transgender ID-only Group/Friends, Family, & Partners Group meet every other Sunday, 7:00-9:00 p.m. Call 908-444-1524 for further information.

Local Support Groups

- PFLAG: Parents, Families, & Friends of Lesbians and Gays meets at Highland Presbyterian Church at 2380 Cloverdale Ave, 4th Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Resource Link: www.pflagws.org; Trinity contact: Johnnie Midyette

Let Us Also Be Mindful

Victims of continuing gun violence and their families, and the dialogue around preventing gun violence

Our immigration situation, and compassion from our leaders

Continued dialogue and action around racism in our city and country

The political discourse in our country

The worldwide refugee crisis

Caregivers

All of our troops and their families

Children at the Mission of the Good Shepherd in Belize

All those suffering from injustice and oppression throughout the world

In Gratitude

Thanks to John Engle for hanging the Black Lives Matter banner on the outside of the Fellowship Hall!

To our teachers who marched in Raleigh last Wednesday for teacher pay and student equity!

Extra! Extra!

Please remember, if you plan to use **space in the church for a meeting** (regardless of the number of people), make sure to put it on the church calendar, located on the short file cabinet as you enter the office.

Office hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Don't forget that any messages left after 2:00 p.m. on Thursday will not be received/returned until Monday morning.

Housekeeping Notes: One of the coffee machines was left on recently and resulted in a ruined pot that had to be thrown away. This could also be a potential fire hazard so please remember to check those coffee pots before you leave! Additionally, any perishable food (crackers, chips, cookies, etc.) should be stored in ziplock bags (located in the cabinet below the coffee makers) before being put in the snack cabinets. We need to guard against unwanted critters in the kitchen!

Links

Jon's sermons can be found on our [website](#). Audio and PDF versions are available.

Calendar on Trinity's website: www.trinitypresbyterianchurch.org

[Call to Action](#), What's happening at Trinity and in our community. Get involved!

Also, check out the Salem Presbytery's [Salem Matters](#) online.

BIRTHDAYS & CELEBRATIONS

May 9: Alan Cameron
Janice Pursley

May 11: Terri Engle

May 13: Winki Campbell

May 14: Marie Sifford





Trinity Presbyterian Church is committed to being an open and affirming intergenerational church who, through the gospel of Jesus Christ and with the Spirit, embodies God's love, builds community, and works toward justice.

Trinity's Regular Office Hours

Monday: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Tuesday: Closed for Admin Duties
Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Friday: Closed

Trinity's Staff

Rev. Jonathan Gaska, Pastor
Cristy Lynn Brown, Music Director
Jonathan Blake Borton, Accompanist
Rev. Terri Engle, Director of Christian Education
Sue Baker, Parish Nurse
Kim Young, Office Administrator
Diana Coe, Communications Coordinator

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